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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (TEXT)

FROM AMBASSADOR

SUBJECT: AGHHAN COUP

REF: A) STATE 143450; B) STATE 143877

1. APPRECIATE REFTELS AND FLEXIBILITY GIVEN ME.

2. I CALLED ON DR. KARIM, DIRGEN FONMIN, AT 11:00 AM, IN INFORMAL MEETING. I GAVE HIM SANITIZED VERSION OUR LEGAL EVALUATION RE RECOGNITION AND CONVEYED MESSAGE REF A, PARA 4, LAST SENTENCE. IN VIEW REF B I DID NOT RPT NOT LEAVE ANY WRITTEN STATEMENT. IN ADDITION I REFERRED TO KNOWN PROBLEMS WASHINGTON WEEK-END, POSSIBLE PILE-UP OF WORK CAUSED BY PRESIDENT'S ILLNESS AND OTHER PHANTASIES. KARIM SEEMED TO ACCEPT THIS IN GOOD GRACE.

3. IT IS ABUNDANTLY CLEAR HOWEVER THAT THIS POSTURE CANNOT HOLD LONG. IF WE WAIT BEYOND MONDAY, JULY 23, TIE TO LONDON MEETING WILL DAWN ON AFGHANS AND WE SHALL LOSE INITIAL MOMENTUM WE HAVE GAINED. DAUD IS A MAN WHO SUSPECTS QUICKLY AND OUR FUTURE RELATIONS WILL BE CLOUDED BY DELAY WHICH WILL AVAIL US NOTHING AS FINAL US ACTION RE RECOGNITION APPEARS
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FOREGONE CONCLUSION IN FACE COMPLETE CONTROL BY DAUD REGIME.

4. WHAT COUNTS AFTER ALL IS THE POLICIES WE CONDUCT AFTER RECOGNITION AND NOT THE ACT OR TIMING OF RECOGNITION ITSELF. IF

WE DO NOT ACT QUICKLY, ON RECOGNITION, HOWEVER, OUR FREEDOM OF
MANEUVER AND OUR IMPORTANT INITIAL
CONTACTS WITH DAUD REGIME WILL BE MARRED.

5. I STRONGLY URGE THAT I BE AUTHORIZED PROCEED AS SUGGESTED
IN SISCO VIEWS REF B, PARA 3 NOT LATER THAN JULY 23, PREFERABLY
MORNING TIME. BRITISH AMBASSADOR URGING SIMILAR COURSE ON
HMG. GERMANS ALREADY RECOGNIZED AND CALLED ON DAUD.
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